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Letter dated 30 May 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that Estonia is seeking to apply for admission to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

As a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto and an observer of the Executive Committee, Estonia shares the goals of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and is committed to improving the situation and safeguarding the rights of refugees through international and regional cooperation, as well as at the national level. Estonia has attached great importance to supporting the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner and will continue to support the Programme through regular contributions and by responding to its emergency appeals.

The Government of Estonia firmly believes that membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would provide an opportunity to enhance Estonia's contribution to the international cooperation to resolve refugee problems around the world.

It is our hope that the Economic and Social Council will approve the request of the Government of Estonia and accordingly make a recommendation to the General Assembly to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee.

(*Signed*) Tiina **Intelmann**
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